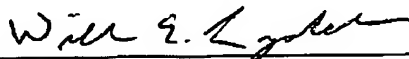


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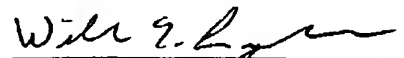
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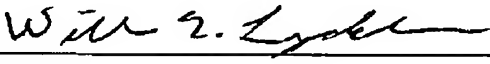
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement dated March 15, 2006, setting a one month period for response extending until April 17, 2006 (April 15, 2006 being a Saturday), Applicants elect, with traverse, the invention identified by the Examiner as Group I, solder supplying and solder bump forming methods, including claims 1-8.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's restriction requirement. The Examiner has characterized the relationship between the inventions of

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Groups I (claims 1-8) and II (claims 9-15) as that of "a process and an apparatus for its practice". Further, the Examiner has stated in the restriction requirement that the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process, such as adhesive bonding.

However, Applicants submit that, contrary to the position stated by the Examiner, the apparatus, as specifically recited in the claim 9, is used for forming a solder bump. For example, claim 9 not only recites that the apparatus is used specifically for forming a solder bump in the preamble (line 1), but also recites in the body of the claim, at lines 4-5, "a solder fine particle supplying means for supplying solder fine particles made of the solder being melted into the liquid and dropping the solder fine particles on the substrate". Accordingly, Applicants submit that the apparatus as claimed can not be used to practice a process other than solder bump forming, such as adhesive bonding.

Additionally, even if the Examiner's characterization of Groups I and II as defining a properly restrictable apparatus and process were to be considered correct, Applicant respectfully requests that all of the inventions defined in claims 1-15, nevertheless, be examined in the instant application, pursuant to the guidelines set forth in M.P.E.P. §803. That is, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the restriction requirement and find that there would not appear to be a "serious burden" on the Patent and Trademark Office in examining claims directed to the non-elected invention.

It would appear that the search for the inventions identified by the Examiner would be coextensive or at least significantly overlap. That is, if the

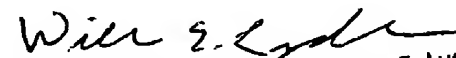
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Examiner were to perform a search for the invention of Group I, there would not appear to be a serious burden in continuing the examination of the other invention of Group II. For this reason, and consistent with office policy as set forth in M.P.E.P. 803, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement.

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the restriction requirement in this application is improper and it is respectfully requested that it be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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